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TAGS: PDEV, MILI, CG, CU, BE
SUBJECT: CUBANS CALL FOR QUICK TERMINATION OF BELGIAN ACTION IN
SHABA

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR, MAY 22, STATED THAT CUBAN VICE-PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN POLICY KINGPIN CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ TOOK ASIDE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR AT CUBAN GOVERNMENT RECEPTION, MAY 18, AND TOLD HIM THAT, IF BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAD TO INTERVENE IN SHABA, BELGIANS SHOULD MOVE TO COMPLETE THEIR MILITARY ACTION AND TO REMOVE FOREIGNERS QUICKLY. BRITISH AMBASSADOR INTERPRETS RODRIGUEZ' ADMONITION AS EVIDENCE THAT CUBANS VIEW WITH FAVOR PROMPT REMOVAL OF EUROPEANS FROM SHABA IN ORDER TO ALLOW INSURRECTION TO CONTINUE UNHINDERED BY WESTERN OUTSIDE INTERVENTION. (COMMENT: AN ALTERNATE, MORE CREDIBLE INTERPRETATION MAY BE THAT CUBANS FEAR THRUST BY WESTERN TROOPS INTO ANGOLA, FORCING CUBANS TO CHOOSE BETWEEN INACTION AND DEFENDING TERRITORY WITH CONSEQUENT PERSONNEL LOSSES. CUBAN SENSITIVITY IN THE REGARD APPEAR TO BE BORNE OUT BY THEIR

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LACK OF ACTION DURING SOUTH AFRICAN CASSINGA INCURSION.)

2. WITH REGARD TO OTHER SHABA NEWS, CANADIAN EMBASSY, MAY 22, INDICATES THAT DURING 1977 VISIT OF US CONGRESSMAN (UNNAMED) TO HAVANA, BEFORE OPENING OF USINT, CONGRESSMAN SAW PHOTOGRAPH OF KATANGA GENERAL MBUMBA IN DEFENSE MINISTER RAUL CASTRO'S OFFICE. WHEN CONGRESSMAN MENTIONED

PHOTO TO RAUL, LATTER PURPORTEDLY BEGAN RIDICULING DRESS
AND PRETENSIONS OF MBUMBA.
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